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INTENDED NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) submitted by India for the 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement;

(b) whether the rich developed countries diluted the Common But Differentiated Responsibility (CBDR) under UNFCCC in 1992, in Lima; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) India has not submitted any Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) for the 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement till date.

(b) The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in its Article 3.1 refers to the principles of Common But Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) and Respective Capabilities (RC). In the 20th Conference of Parties (COP-20) held in Lima, there is a clear reference to the principle of CBDR in Para 3 of decision 1/CP.20 "Lima Call for Climate Action" which is stated as follows:-
"The Conference of the Parties,
Reiterating that the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action shall be under the Convention and guided by its principles,
"Underscores its commitment to reaching an ambitious agreement in 2015 that reflects the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in light of different national circumstances"

(c) The work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action including the 2015 Climate Agreement is mandated to be under the principles and provisions of the Convention.